

**November 7, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Angola, Indiana was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 210 North Public Square with Mayor Richard M. Hickman presiding. Council Members Gary L. Crum, David A. Olson, Kathleen G. Armstrong, David B. Martin, and Jerold D. McDermid answered roll. No council member was absent. Clerk-Treasurer Ryan P. Herbert recorded the minutes.

Among those present were City Attorney Kim Shoup, Fire Chief Doug Call, Planning and Economic Development Director Jennifer Barclay, City Engineer Amanda Cope, Water Superintendent Tom Selman, Wastewater Superintendent Jeff Gaff, Human Resources Director Sue Essman, Street Superintendent Chad Ritter, Park Superintendent Matt Hanna, Police Patrol Officer Caleb McLatcher, Firefighter Hillary Cope, and Engineering Assistant Nick Gerber.

Also, among those present were Leslie Schlottman, Rick Shipe, Ben Ledo, Ken Wilson, Steve Hoffman, Dennis Urbaniak, Dennis Norris, Tracey Norris, Andy Aldred, Scott Hirschy, and Oksana Kotkina of *The Herald Republican*.

#### REMARKS BY MAYOR HICKMAN

Steve Hoffman from Brightpoint presented Mayor Hickman and the Council with the 2022 Brightpoint Community Impact Award. Mr. Hoffman commended The City and thanked them for their contributions to the community over the past year.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Council Member Olson moved to approve the October 17, 2022 minutes. Council Member Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

At 7:02 p.m. Mayor Hickman opened the public hearing regarding the proposed appropriation reduction for the Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant Fund. There being no public comment the hearing was considered closed at 7:03 p.m. Ordinance No. 1718-2022. APPROPRIATION REDUCTION ORDINANCE FOR THE LOCAL ROAD AND BRIDGE MATCHING GRANT FUND, was read by title and presented to Council on second reading. Council Member Martin moved to approve. Council Member McDermid seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Ordinance No. 1718-2022. APPROPRIATION REDUCTION ORDINANCE FOR THE LOCAL ROAD AND BRIDGE MATCHING GRANT FUND, was then read by title and presented to Council on third and final reading. Council Member Martin moved to approve. Council Member McDermid seconded the motion. The motion to approve on third and final reading carried 5-0.

## NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1719-2022. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE FIXING COMPENSATION OF APPOINTED OFFICERS, DEPUTIES, AND OTHER EMPLOYEES AND OF POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS OF THE CITY OF ANGOLA, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2023, was read by title and presented for first reading. Council Member Martin moved to approve. Council Member Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 2022-837. A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ANGOLA FOR THE GENERAL FUNDS AND FORWARDED TO THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THEIR ACTION AND PASSAGE PURSUANT TO IC 6-1.1-18.6. was read by title and presented to Council for approval. Council Member Olson moved to approve. Council Member Crum seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Quotes for the Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project were open and read aloud. Estimated Project Cost was \$103,845. The two quotes submitted were:

Project Design and Piping, Inc. \$199,950.00

Mason Engineering and Construction \$144,000.00

Council Member Martin moved to accept the lowest most responsive and responsible quote. Council Member Crum seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion carried 5-0.

Bids for the North Wayne Lift Station Rehabilitation Project were open and read aloud. Estimated Project Cost was \$313,500. The one bid submitted was:

Parrish Excavating \$267,080.00

Council Member Martin moved to accept the lowest most responsive and responsible quote. Council Member Crum seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Ben Ledo of the MakeMyMove provided a presentation on the program. He discussed how the program connects people who telework that are looking to relocate with communities that will fit their needs. Mr. Ledo gave an overview of how the program works, the costs, and fielded questions.

Dennis Urbaniak of Orexo provided a presentation to Council on the Orexo Addiction Resources for Recovery programs. Orexo provides digital therapy programs for substance abuse. Mr. Urbaniak gave an overview of how these programs work and answered questions.

Council Member Martin moved to approve the 2023 Fire Protection Agreement with the Town of Fremont for a portion of Jamestown Township in the amount of \$73,150. Council Member McDermid seconded the motion. the motion carried 4-1. Council Member Olson dissented.

Council Member Martin moved to approve the Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement for Amanda Cope. Council Member Crum seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

#### CLERK-TREASURER AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Clerk-Treasurer Herbert reported the State Board of Accounts audit exit meeting would be held this coming Wednesday at 10:00. Invitations had been sent out to everyone who can attend.

Planning and Economic Development Director Barclay reported that there would be a full agenda for the upcoming Plan Commission meeting.

#### APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Council Member Martin moved to approve the Allowance of Accounts Payable Vouchers 59720 through 60005 totaling \$1,374,284.96. Member Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

#### OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Olson raised the concern of truck noise downtown. He reported that he has had conversations with constituents who are affected by the noise. Member Olson would like the City to look into a possible Jake Break Prohibition. No formal action was taken.

Council Member Martin raised the issue of a natural gas capacity shortage in the city. NIPSCO did not notify the city that additional capacity was not available until the limit has already been met. This is preventing growth as new users will be unable to connect to the system. At this time the City of Angola, along with the Steuben County Economic Development Corp. and other effected area communities and organizations are working with NIPSCO on a solution. Member Martin moved that up to \$100,000 of the of the Angola Investment Fund funds be permitted for use as needed in solving this problem. Member Olson seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion carried 5-0.

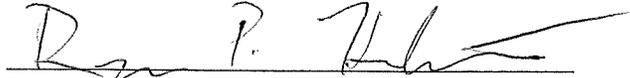
#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was considered adjourned at 7:52 p.m.



Richard M. Hickman, Mayor  
Presiding Officer

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan P. Herbert", written over a horizontal line.

Ryan P. Herbert, Clerk-Treasurer